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MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.121

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1 – 97 without prejudice.

Please add the following new claims:

98. A method for processing a sale, comprising:  
receiving a conditional purchase offer that includes a price and a condition;  
identifying a rule from a seller, the rule including a restriction; and  
determining whether the condition satisfies the restriction.

99. The method of claim 98, further comprising:

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